

Organic Compounds: hydrocarbons and derivatives

just C and H

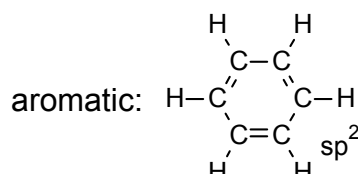
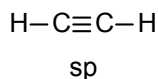
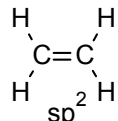
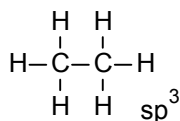
C, H, N, O, X, etc

Hydrocarbons: just C and H atoms

alkane: C-C

alkene: C=C

alkyne: C≡C



Alkanes are *saturated*: all C atoms are sp^3 , with four bonds to four atoms, C_nH_{2n+2}

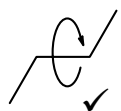
All other hydrocarbons are *unsaturated*: multiple bonds or rings, fewer than $2n+2$ H atoms

Representing Organic Compounds

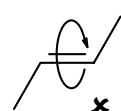
chemical formula	CH_4	C_2H_6	C_3H_8	C_4H_8	C_6H_6
condensed structural formula	CH_4	CH_3CH_3	$CH_3CH_2CH_3$	$CH_3CH_2CH=CH_2$	
structural formula (Lewis)					
line structure					

Line structure: each C-C bond is a line, H atoms on C are omitted – *always four bonds to C!*

Note: groups can rotate about a C-C single bond (σ only), but not a C=C double ($\sigma + \pi$)!



same molecule

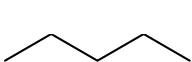
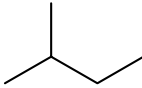
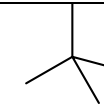
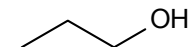



different molecules

Isomers

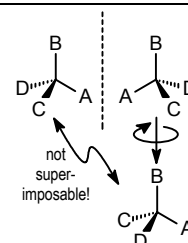
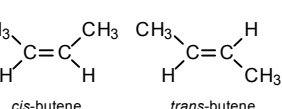
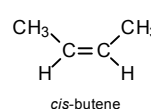
Isomers: compounds with the same molecular formula, but different structures

- Structural Isomers**: isomers that differ in the bonding arrangement and connectivity of atoms. Such isomers can differ in terms of:

atom. Each isomer can differ in terms of:			
carbon backbone (skeletal isomers):	 $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$ pentane	 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ 2-methylbutane	 $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_4$ 2,2-dimethylpropane
functional group position (positional isomers):	 $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{OH}$ 1-propanol	 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ 2-propanol	
functional group type (functional isomers):	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ethanol		CH_3OCH_3 dimethylether

- Stereoisomers**: isomers that have the same connectivity, but differ in the spatial arrangement of atoms. There are two classes:



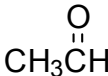

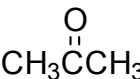
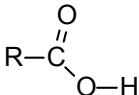
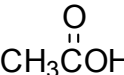
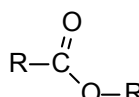
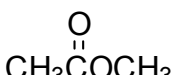
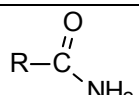
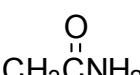
- Geometric isomers**: stereoisomers that differ in the relative orientation of substituents e.g. *cis*- and *trans*-alkenes



- Enantiomers** (or optical isomers):

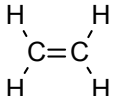



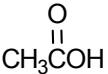

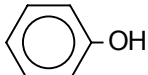
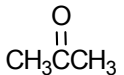
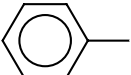
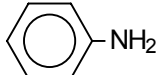
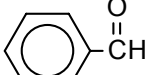

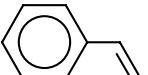
stereoisomers that are *chiral*, non-superimposable on a mirror image (Ege Ch6)

Organic Functional Group List

Functional Group	Compound	Prefix/Suffix	Example	IUPAC Name (Common Name)
R-H	alkane	-ane	CH ₃ CH ₃	ethane
	alkene	-ene	H ₂ C=CH ₂	ethene (ethylene)
—C≡C—	alkyne	-yne	HC≡CH	ethyne (acetylene)
R-X	haloalkane	halo-	CH ₃ Cl	chloromethane
R-OH	alcohol	-ol (hydroxy-)	CH ₃ OH	methanol
R-NH ₂	amine	-amine (amino-)	CH ₃ CH ₂ NH ₂	ethylamine aminoethane
R-O-R	ether	ether (alkoxy-)	CH ₃ OCH ₃	dimethyl ether
	aldehyde	-al		ethanal (acetaldehyde)
	ketone	-one		propanone (acetone)
	carboxylic acid	-oic acid		ethanoic acid (acetic acid)
	ester	-oate		methyl ethanoate (methyl acetate)
	amide	-amide		ethanamide (acetamide)

R = alkyl group, an unfunctionalized saturated chain; X = halogen

Organic Common Names

ethylene		formaldehyde		acetaldehyde	
acetylene	H—C≡C—H	formic acid		acetic acid	
benzene		phenol		acetone	
toluene		aniline		benzaldehyde	
xylene		styrene		benzoic acid	